

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph.

The physical layer used to bring about a proper interface is typically contained on a network interface card or a line card. Each network switch has a one or more line cards that can be connected to, for example, the network switch motherboard as well as the network link. In some instances, the entire physical layer function of bridging parallel and serial data operating at dissimilar clock speeds can be performed on a single integrated circuit. A popular such circuit includes products available from Cypress Semiconductor Corp., such as CYP15G0402DX and CYS25G0101DX.

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